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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION SESSION ON VENEZUELAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS

REQUESTS

REF: MTN GENEVA A-343

1. CLARIFICATION SESSION ON VENEZUELAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST HELD TUESDAY, SEPT 23. TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST HAD BEEN PREPARED IN CARACAS BY THE INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND VENEZUELAN DEL IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFIC POINTS. VENEZUELAN DEL EXPECTS ARRIVAL NEXT SEVERAL DAYS OF INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL TO ASSIST IN MTN ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING COMMENTS APPLY TO PRODUCTS NOTIFIED.

2. 146.40, FRESH BANANAS: VENZUELANS CONCERNED IF SALES TAXES APPLIED IN "DISCRIMINATORY" FASHION ON FRESH BANANAS. US DEL EXPLAINED SALES TAXES WERE APPLIED BY STATE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ARTICLES.

3. 160.10, COFFEE: VENEZUELAN DEL WILL SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO "SELECTIVE TAXES APPLIED TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS". US DEL POINTED OUT THAT COFFEE AND COFFEE

## PRODUCTS ARE DUTY FREE.

- 4. 155.20, SUGAR: US DEL CORRECTED VENEZUELAN TARIFF
  NOTIFICATION FROM 88 PERCENT TO 0.6625 PER POUND. US
  DEL POINTED OUT EXISTENCE OF GLOBAL SUGAR QUOTA REPLACING COUNTRY QUOTAS. VENEZUELAN DEL TO SEEK INFORMATION
  ON "OTHER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES". CONCERNING VENEZUELAN
  REQUEST THAT THE TARIFF CONCESSION "...BE CONSOLIDATED
  IN A SPECIAL LIST OF PREFERENTIAL CONCESSIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES", US DEL STATED THAT ONLY US AUTHORITY
  FOR TARIFFS PREFERENCES FOR LDC'S IS TITLE V OF TRADE ACT.
  OTHER TARIFF CONCESSIONS MUST BE ON MFN BASIS.
  VENEZUELAN DEL UNSURE IF THEIR NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO US GSP
  OR SOME OTHER PROPOSAL, AND ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION.
- 5. 156.10, COCOA: (COMMENTED ABOVE).
- 6. 156.35, COCOA BUTTER: (COMMENTED ABOVE).
- 7. 152.46, CASHEW APPLE, MAMEY COLORADO, PAPAYA, SAPO-DILLA, SOURSOP AND SWEETSOP: VENEZUELAN DEL CHECKING TO SEE IF THEIR REQUEST REFERRED TO PARTICULAR PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THIS BASKET GROUPING.
- 8. 152.54, GUAYAVA PASTE: (COMMENTED ABOVE).
- 9. 152.58, MANGO PASTE: (COMMENTED ABOVE). VENEZUELAN DEL UNDERTOOK TO CLARIFY MEANING OF "MEASURES NOT SPECIFIED".
- 10. 147.85, PRESERVED GUAYAVA: (NO COMMENT).
- 11. 147.90, PRESERVED MANGOES: US DEL CORRECTED TARIFF UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM 20 PERCENT IN VENEZUELAN REQUEST TO 3.75 CENTS PER POUND.

12. 165.46, PINEAPPLE JUICE CONCENTRATE: US DEL CORRECTED TARIFF NOTIFICATION FROM 79 PERCENT TO 5 CENTS PER GALLON. WALKER

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